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Security Council

10:00	7450th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. Protection of civilians in armed conflict[1]	
	The protection of journalists in conflict situations	
	Letter dated 1 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2015/307)	
13:15	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Burundi	
	Other matters	
15:00	7450th meeting (resumed) [webcast]	Security Council Chamber

[1]Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The list of speakers for the general debate of the seventieth session of the General Assembly *is open* for inscriptions. A note verbale from the Secretariat, dated 26 May 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/279, informal meetings of the plenary as part of the preparatory process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (consultations on the draft outcome document) will continue at 10:00 and 15:00, *today*, 27 and *tomorrow*, 28 May 2015, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and on Friday, 29 May 2015, in Conference Room 12. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 29 April 2015 and 7 May 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For additional information, please *click here*. [webcast]

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The informal interactive hearings with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, major groups and the private sector on the post-2015 development agenda, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/244, will continue *today*, 27 May 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the General Assembly Hall. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 May 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. [webcast]

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

10:00	41st meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 3
	Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [item 161]	
	(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon	
	Introduction of draft resolution (A/C.5/69/L.44)	
Morning[1] to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on:	
	Agenda item 157 (Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (A/69/619, A/69/785 and A/69/839/Add.4)); and	
	Agenda item 160 (Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (A/69/593, A/69/784, A/69/828, A/69/889 and A/69/839/Add.2))	
15:00 to 16:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 159 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (A/69/667, A/69/820 and A/69/839/Add.11))	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 41st meeting.

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group V (Insolvency)
Forty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (Section 25: International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees)
2. Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	18th meeting	Conference Room 4
15:00 to 18:00	19th meeting	Conference Room 4

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.18, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.19, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.20, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.21, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.22, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.23, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.24, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.25, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.26, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.27, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.28, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.29, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.30, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.31, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.32, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.33, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.34, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.35, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.36, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.37, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.38, E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.39 and E/C.2/2015/R.3/Add.1) [item 3 (b)]

[Members of the Committee, as well as observers who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note-verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Ninth session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 27 May 2015, at 11:00, in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council
2015 session

Informal consultations

The Vice-Presidency of the Council (Republic of Korea) will convene informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventeenth session" (under agenda item 18 (a)), *today*, 27 May 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7.

Informal informal consultations

Informal informal consultations, convened by the co-facilitators, Mr. Junichi Sumi (Japan) and Mr. Silvester Mwanza (Zambia), of the draft resolution on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (under agenda item 12 (c)), will be held *today*, 27 May 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Vice-Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Tunisia), convened by the co-facilitators (Bangladesh and Switzerland) of the draft resolution of the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2015 session of the Council (under agenda item 9), will be held *today*, 27 May 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Economic and Social Council dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system

The workshops on Organizational Arrangements and Capacity, Impact and Partnership Approaches, part of the workshop series of phase I of the Economic and Social Council dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, will be held *today*, 27 May 2015, from 10:00 to 18:00. The workshops will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia) and hosted by the United Nations Foundation. Information on the venue, the draft programme and other background material are available on the website of the Council (please *click here*). Interested missions should register by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact Mr. Joshua Seidman-Zager, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail seidman-zager@un.org).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold informal consultations *today,* 27 May 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1: on the Gender in UNDP. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (under agenda item 62 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Sudan)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee)

16:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Meeting of the Group of Friends in favour of a woman candidate for Secretary-General of the United Nations (organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia)

From 08:30 to 09:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Laurent Anaya, Permanent Mission of Colombia (e-mail intern@colombiaun.org; tel. 1 (212) 355-7776, ext. 233).]

Event on "Harnessing Migration, Remittances and Diaspora Contributions for Financing Sustainable Development" (organized by the World Bank and the Global Migration Group (GMG))

From 10:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sonia Plaza, World Bank (e-mail splaza@worldbank.org) or *click here*; to register, please contact supportteam@globalmigrationgroup.org.]

Informal briefing on "The twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)" (by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Habitat)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For more information, please contact UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail habitatny@un.org).]

Briefing on "Reform of financial systems to incentivize investment in sustainable development" (co-organized by the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Stakeholder Forum, AVIVA and the Tellus Institute)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ena S. Sawh, UNCTAD (e-mail sawh@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

Panel discussion on "Protection of journalists and media freedom – key to sustainable future" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Latvia and Lithuania)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ruta Jazukeviciute, Permanent Mission of Lithuania (e-mail ruta.jazukeviciute@urm.lt; tel. 1 (646) 852-6732); or Ms. Agnese Vilde, Permanent Mission of Latvia (e-mail agnese.vilde@mfa.gov.lv; tel. 1 (212) 838-8877).]

Briefing for Latin American and Caribbean Group to provide an update on the preparations towards the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) (to be held in Quito, Ecuador (17-20 October 2016)) (organized by the Habitat III secretariat)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 9.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Leire Badiola, Habitat III secretariat (e-mail habitat3secretariat@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-8179).]

Informal discussion on "Sanctions and Fair Process: Reflections of the Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee Ombudsperson" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (917) 623-2861).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
15:00	His Excellency Linas Linkevicius, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

A high-level event for the World Programme of Action for Youth will be held on Friday, 29 May 2015, at 09:00 and 15:00, in the General Assembly Hall. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 March 2015, 8 May 2015, 15 May 2015 and 22 May 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary segment are kindly requested to contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063) and Ms. Lorna Fidler (e-mail fidlerl@un.org). Statements in the plenary segment will be limited to *three minutes*.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

A high-level event on the Demographic Dividend and Youth Employment will be held on Monday, 1 June 2015, at 09:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Letters from the President of the General Assembly dated 9 March 2015, 8 May 2015 and 15 May 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 28 May 2015

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

10:30 91st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/69/L.71) [item 14]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: Note by the Secretary-General (A/69/291) [item 112 (a)]

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (Room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

The book of resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-ninth session was issued in document A/69/49 (Vol. I) and is available in the six official languages on the Official Documents System (*click here*).

To obtain hard copies, please contact the Meetings Support Section (Mr. Louis Giordano (e-mail giordanol@un.org; tel. 1(212) 963-7288)).

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 26th meeting on Friday, 29 May 2015, from 12:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to consider item 52 entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" (A/C.4/69/L.19) and item 118 entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" (A/C.4/69/L.20).

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 28 May 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests.

For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238.

Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on preparations for the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts (MGE2) under the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (scheduled for Monday, 1, to Friday, 5 June 2015) will be held Thursday, 28 May 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will be convened by His Excellency Vlad Lupan of the Republic of Moldova in his capacity as the Chair-designate of the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts.

The Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will be held from Monday, 1, to Friday, 5 June 2015, in Conference Room 1. The provisional agenda and programme of work, with further information, as well as discussion papers, can be found on the following webpage (*click here*).

There will be no formal list of speakers. The list of side events scheduled to be held during the Meeting will be made available shortly.

Participation

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Meeting of Governmental Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; Room S-3058; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart arrangements

The Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The

official documentation of the Open-ended Meeting will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Informal briefings

There will be an informal briefing of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on its internal audit and investigation activities for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014, on Wednesday, 3 June 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room C.

There will be an informal briefing of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), in advance of its upcoming annual session, on Tuesday, 23 June 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room D, on: the report on the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, 2014; the corporate evaluation on the contribution of UN-Women to women's economic empowerment; and the review of policies and practices to promote gender-responsive evaluation systems.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties
Twenty-fifth Meeting

The twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held at Headquarters from Monday, 8 to Friday, 12 June 2015. The Meeting will be convened on Monday, 8 June 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1. The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document SPLOS/L.75, available through the Official Document System of the United Nations (*click here*) as well as through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

The original credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers who will form part of the delegations of States Parties should be transmitted to the secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, Room DC2-0450, United Nations, New York, NY 10017), duly signed, in accordance with rule 13 (2) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.4), by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them.

In order to ensure a timely conduct of the election of one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf that will take place during the meeting (see SPLOS/281 and SPLOS/282), States Parties are requested to submit their credentials as soon as possible and *no later* than 24 hours after the opening of the Meeting on *Monday, 8 June 2015*.

In conformity with the understanding reached by the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties (see SPLOS/263, paragraph 101), it is expected that the credentials will be valid for the period from Monday, 8, to Friday, 12 June 2015 and, to the extent practicable, also thereafter until the convening of the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties.

Observers are requested to transmit to the Division (Room DC2-450) the names of the representatives who will form part of the observer delegation.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Informal consultations

The Vice-Presidency of the Council (Republic of Korea) will convene informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventeenth session" (under agenda item 18 (a)), on Friday, 29 May 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11.

Informal informal consultations

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Vice-Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Tunisia), convened by the co-facilitators (Bangladesh and Switzerland) of the draft resolution of the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2015 session of the Council (under agenda item 9), will be held on Friday, 29 May 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Informal informal consultations, convened by the co-facilitators, Mr. Junichi Sumi (Japan) and Mr. Silvester Mwanza (Zambia), of the draft resolution on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (under agenda item 12 (c)), will be held on Friday, 29 May 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Briefing

The President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria), will convene an informal briefing on Friday, 29 May 2015, at 10:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, on the preparations for the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Council, and the high-level segment of the 2015 session of the Council. All States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies, the United Nations system, major groups and other stakeholders, are invited to attend.

Partnerships Forum on "The role of partnerships in achieving the post-2015 development agenda: making it happen"

The 2015 Partnerships Forum of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Thursday, 28 May 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The event will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria). The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Jan Eliasson, will address the opening meeting, and the keynote address will be delivered by President Bill Clinton, Founder of the Clinton Foundation and forty-second President of the United States of America.

The event will be interactive in nature and will therefore have no predetermined lists of speakers. For further information, please *click here,* or contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737).

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as representatives of accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the United Nations system and accredited media are invited to attend. Participation by civil society, private sector, academia and other relevant stakeholders is by invitation only. For the information note on logistics, please *click here;* or contact Ms. Stephanie Rudy (e-mail rudy@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4846).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

There will be an informal briefing on Thursday 28, May 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6, on:

(a) Annual report on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan; and

(b) Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF.

The informal briefing will be combined and followed by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its annual session (16-18 June 2015).

Annual session

The 2015 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 16, to Thursday, 18 June 2015, in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/4. To consult advance copies of all documentation for the session, please *click here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to communicate their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail harai@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *no later than Friday, 12 June 2015*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 annual session will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold informal consultations as indicated below. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Friday, 29 May 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6: on the Annual Report of the Administrator;

Friday, 29 May 2015, from 15:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11: on the venue for annual session of the Executive Board;

Tuesday, 2 June 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 7: on increasing access to family planning and maternal health supplies as a key to sustainable development: the UNFPA Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security; and

Thursday, 4 June 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 9: on the new UNFPA resource mobilization strategy.

Annual session 2015

The annual session 2015 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 1, to Tuesday, 9 June 2015, at United Nations. Please note that the meetings from Monday, 1, to Friday, 5 June, will be held in the Economic and Social

Council Chamber; and on Monday, 8, and Tuesday, 9 June, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2015/L.2. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website.

Member States, Observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible*, but not later than *today*, 27 May 2015.

The annual session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart@un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least *two hours* in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delgations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Forthcoming conferences at Headquarters

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties
Eighth session

The eighth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place at Headquarters from Tuesday, 9, to Thursday, 11 June 2015. The provisional agenda is available as CRPD/CSP/2015/1.

General debate and list of speakers

The general debate will take place on Tuesday, 9 June 2015, starting right after the opening ceremony of the Conference on that morning. The list of speakers will be drawn upon on a first-come-first-served basis, taking into account of the United Nations Protocol. The speaking time for each statement will be limited to *three minutes*.

To facilitate the preparation of the list of speakers which *is open* for inscription until Monday, 1 June 2015, delegations are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat, *by 17:00 on Monday, 1 June,* the relevant information, indicating the full name and title of the speaker. Inscriptions shall be sent directly to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail zhangg@un.org).

Quorum

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 154 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 103 States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be sent to the secretariat (e-mail to zhangg@un.org, with copy to pewitt@un.org; Room S-2905).

Accessibility

States parties are kindly requested to inform the secretariat of any accessibility requirements of delegates for participation in meetings. Statements submitted for posting on the PaperSmart portal should be in MS Word format or in accessible PDF.

For further information concerning the Conference of States Parties, kindly contact the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mails zhangg@un.org and enable@un.org; Room S-2905); or visit the United Nations Enable website (please *click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Day for the Elimination of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence" (under agenda item 32) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

Thursday, 28 May 2015, from *17:00* to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Forthcoming other meetings

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OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 28 June 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 28 June 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 29 May 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

Forthcoming other activities

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Event on "Innovative Finance for Sustainable Development: The experience of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Liberia, and GAVI)

Thursday, 28 May 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room D.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Chris Stokes, Permanent Mission of Australia (e-mail chris.stokes@dfat.gov.au); or Mr. Remongar Dennis, Permanent Mission of Liberia (e-mail dennisremongar@gmail.com).]

Round table on "Mobilizing the means: Sustainable Financing for Health and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) in Post-2015" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the NCD Alliance and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Thursday, 28 May 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Miriam Mac Intosh, Permanent Mission of Suriname (e-mail macintosh@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 826-0660); to register, please *click here*.]

Exchange of views on "The process for the appointment of the Chair of the Preparatory Committee for Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction on the basis of paragraph 1 (g) of the draft resolution" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77))

Thursday, 28 May 2015, from 15.00 to 18.00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Salvatore Zappalá, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail salvatore.zappala@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).]

Panel discussion on "The Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Harmonizing the High-Level Review Processes" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and the United Arab Emirates, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), and the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security)

Thursday, 28 May 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hannah Beswick, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates (e-mail research4.ny@mofa.gov.ae; tel. 1 (212) 371-0480).]

Briefing on "Upcoming issues for the International Seabed Authority: arrangements for the twenty-first session, the work of the Legal and Technical Commission and the development of the exploitation code" (organized by the secretariat of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Friday, 29 May 2015, from 13:15 to 15:15, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ching Suntaree, ISA (e-mail sean@un.org tel. 1 (212) 963-6411).]

Seminar on "Islam in Nusantara: Diversity, Democracy and Modernity" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia and the Nusantara Foundation)

Friday, 29 May 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Nona Gae Luna, Permanent Mission of Indonesia (email nona.luna@kemlu.go.id); or Ms. Siti Hajar, Nusantara Foundation (e-mail nusantara.foundation@yahoo.com).]

Launch of the *Small Arms Survey 2015: Weapons and the world* (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and Small Arms Survey)

Monday, 1 June 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room A.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Martin Field, Small Arms Survey (e-mail martin.field@smallarmssurvey.org).]

Multilateral Negotiations: Workshop on "Levelling the Playing Field" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the Olof Palme Memorial Fund and the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

Tuesday, 2 June 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room F.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); to register, please *click here.*]

Event on "The Role of Diaspora in Humanitarian Response" (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Wednesday, 3 June 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact IOM (Ms. Amy Muedin; or Ms. Alex Cole (e-mail rsvpnewyork@iom.int)).]

Round table discussion on "Countering destruction of and trafficking in cultural property: from lessons learned to implementation" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy and Jordan, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Wednesday, 3 June 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Luigi Marini, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).]

Open meeting of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Thursday, 4 June 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6209 or 1 (929) 274-6212).]

Panel discussion on "Addressing food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture through the prism of the Sustainable Development Goals: the importance of a multi-stakeholder commitment" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Ecuador, Georgia and Italy, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP))

Thursday, 4 June 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Paolo Campanini, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).]

Special event on "A rule-of-law based agenda for a more effective United Nations" (by H.S.H. Hereditary Prince of Liechtenstein) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein)

Friday, 5 June 2015, from 11:00 to 12:00, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Bojan Francuz, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail bojan.francuz@nyc.llv.li; tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 229); to register, please contact rsvplie@gmail.com.]

Launch of the *2015 State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR): Transforming Governance* (organized by the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV))

Friday, 5 June 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Luzmila Lambrano, UNV (e-mail luzmila.lambrano@unv.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3639).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Third International Conference on Financing for Development
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
(13-16 July 2015)

The Third International Conference on Financing for Development will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 13 to Thursday, 16 July 2015, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 68/204 of 20 December 2013, 68/279 of 30 June 2014 and 69/278 of 8 May 2015.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/69/542) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings, which will be held from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, on Monday, 13 July to Thursday, 16 July 2015 in Conference Room 1.

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is now open and inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations are reminded that participation at the meetings is expected at the highest possible political level. All delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, in writing, by e-mail (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org and

fidlerl@un.org)) indicating the name and title of the speaker. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to five minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

For questions on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063.

Round tables

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 68/279 and 69/278, the Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables held on Monday, 13 July 2015: from 15:00 to 18:00 (round table 1); Tuesday, 14 July 2015: from 10:00 to 13:00 (round table 2) and from 15:00 to 18:00 (round table 3); Wednesday, 15 July 2015 from 10:00 to 13:00 (round table 4) and from 15:00 to 18:00 (round table 5) and Thursday, 16 July 2015: from 10:00 to 13:00 (round table 6). All the round tables will be held in Conference Room 2. Member States and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the round tables at the highest possible level.

Round tables 1, 3 and 5 will be on the theme: Global partnership and the three dimensions of sustainable development.

Round tables 2, 4 and 6 will be on the theme: Ensuring policy coherence and an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all participating States, up to 15 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations, up to six representatives of accredited civil society organizations, and up to six representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established; interventions should be limited to *three minutes*. Registration for participation by representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations is *open* (representatives are invited to contact the Financing for Development Office (e-mail duboisg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5435; Room DC2-2160). The list of non-State participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served, basis.

Accredited civil society and business sector organizations that wish to participate in the Round tables please *click here* for further information.

Accreditation

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service. Detail of the accreditation procedure to the conference will be communicated to the permanent missions, permanent observer missions and liaison offices at a later stage.

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, credentials should be issued for all representatives, alternate representatives and advisers not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference. Credentials should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Council or the President of the European Commission. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (917) 367-5133; Room S-3633; fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Side events

An online registration platform for the organization of side events is available at the Conference website (please *click here*).

Economic and Social Council

2015 session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Informal event to discuss the transition from relief to development (17 June 2015)

The interactive panel discussion of the Economic and Social Council to discuss the transition from relief to development (Council decision 2015/211) will be held on Wednesday, 17 June 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room XIX of the Palais des Nations in Geneva and will be open to all interested participants.

Humanitarian affairs segment (17-19 June 2015)
[agenda item 9]

The 2015 humanitarian affairs segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Mohamed Khaled Khiari (Tunisia), will be held from Wednesday, 17, to Friday, 19 June 2015, in Conference Room XIX of the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The opening session will take place on Wednesday, 17 June, at 15:00. The theme of the segment for 2015 is "The future of humanitarian affairs: towards greater inclusiveness, coordination, interoperability and effectiveness" (Council decision 2015/210) and there will be two high-level panels. The first panel is on "Addressing capacity and resource challenges through humanitarian financing", to be held on Thursday, 18 June 2015, at 15:00, and the second panel is on "Protecting civilians by upholding international humanitarian law", to be held on Friday, 19 June 2015, at 10:00.

The tentative programme of the segment, including the calendar of side events, will be made available on the website of the Economic and Social Council shortly. For additional information, please contact Mr. Guillaume Fardel, Policy Development Studies Branch, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (e-mail fardel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4814).

General discussion and list of speakers

The general discussion of the humanitarian affairs segment will be held on Wednesday, 17 June, at 15:00, and on Friday, 19 June 2015, at 15:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, in writing, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the segment, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscriptions to the list of speakers *will close by 17:00* of the preceding day.

The time limit set for statements under the segment is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of the representatives and alternates attending the humanitarian affairs segment to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room S-1284, fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2015 session of the Council, containing the names of the participants to all segments.

PaperSmart arrangements for the 2015 session of the Council

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are available for all the meetings of the 2015 session of the Economic and Social Council. To access the Council's PaperSmart portal, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org.

The date and time of the meeting as well as relevant agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart Portal of the Council during delivery by delegations.

Announcements

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office by *Friday, 29 May 2015*, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below. Adherence to this deadline is to facilitate the issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventieth session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft Word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 69/28, para. 3, entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/03-2015/IS dated 9 February 2015 refers).

Resolution 69/29, paras. 10 and 11, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/12-2015/NWFZME dated 6 February 2015 refers);

Resolution 69/39, para. 5, entitled "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/14-2015/WMD-T dated 11 February 2015 refers);

Resolution 69/43, para. 3, entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/18-2015/ICJ dated 13 February 2015 refers);

Resolution 69/46, para. 8, entitled "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/15-2015/CBMRSC dated 9 February 2015 refers);

Resolution 69/54, para. 8, entitled "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/04-2015/ML dated 2 February 2015 refers);

Resolution 69/55, para. 4, entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/05-2015/EN dated 2 February 2015 refers);

Resolution 69/58, para. 11, entitled "Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/19-2014/HLM dated 17 February 2015 refers); and

Resolution 69/80, para. 8, entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/16-2015/SSCMR dated 9 February 2015 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line through www.un-register.org, by *Friday, 29 May 2015,* the information relevant to Resolution 68/43, paras. 3, 4, 5 and 6 (a), entitled "Transparency in armaments", adopted on 5 December 2013 (Note verbale ODA/08-2015/TIA dated 24 February 2015 refers).

United Nations International Law Seminar for Arab States: Call for applications
Deadline for applications: Sunday, 31 May 2015

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs will be conducting the International Law Seminar for Arab States under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, in Cairo, Egypt, from Sunday, 15, to Thursday, 19 November 2015. This course is open to government lawyers from Member States that are also members of the League of Arab States as well as the Non-member Observer State of Palestine. Lawyers working with the League of Arab States may also submit applications for this training course. The International Law Seminar for Arab States will be conducted in *English*.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division would like to express their sincere gratitude to Egypt for its willingness to host the International Law Seminar for Arab States in cooperation with the League of Arab States, and to Egypt, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for their generous voluntary contributions to support the Seminar.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the International Law Seminar for Arab States (please *click here*) or contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded.

All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn. Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; Room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 68/279, the General Assembly invited all Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-16 July 2015) and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Sixteenth Supplement – 2008-2009 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the sixteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2008 to 2009.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For copies of the sixteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The seventeenth Supplement, covering the period from 2010 to 2011 is available in its advance version on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 26 May 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7448th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2015/303)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Serbia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Farid Zarif, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Hashim Thaçi to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Zarif.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Ivica Dačić, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Thaçi.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chad, Nigeria, China, Jordan, Angola, Chile, the United States, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Spain, Malaysia, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, New Zealand and France; and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Lithuania.

7449th meeting

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2015/331)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Somalia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2015/370, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2015/370) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2015/370) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2221 (2015).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 resumed session

16th meeting

Opening of the session

The Chair made a statement.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Mustafa Elhossein Elshareef (Sudan) and Mr. Murat Ugurgluoglu (Turkey) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

Organization of work

The Committee approved its organization of work, as contained in Working Paper 1.

Schedule of work

The Committee approved the provisional schedule of work.

Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat [item 5]

General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non- Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [item 8]

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) made a statement.

Consideration of special reports [item 7]

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, the United States and South Africa.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

Other related matters [item 6 (c)]

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee approved the list of non-governmental organizations requesting to be heard at the High Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council, as contained in the document E/C.2/2015/CRP.17.

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Nicaragua, Cuba, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Azerbaijan, China, India and the Sudan.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 37 non-governmental organizations.

17th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Pakistan, India, South Africa, the United States, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The representatives of South Africa, Cuba, the Sudan, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Islamic Republic of Iran posed questions to the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Centre for Equality Ltd.; Fondazione Rosselli Americas; Forum européen pour les Roms et les gens du voyage (FERV); Peace Islands Institute Inc.; and The Lawfare Project, Inc.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 18 non-governmental organizations.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 26 May 2015

General Assembly

International Law Commission
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

3256th meeting

Crimes against humanity [item 9]

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's first report on the topic (A/CN.4/680).

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *May 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
Her Excellency Joy Ogwu

Asia-Pacific States:
Afghanistan
His Excellency Zahir Tanin

Eastern European States:
Montenegro
Ms. Ivana Pajević
Chargée d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Nicaragua
Her Excellency María Rubiales de Chamorro

Western European and other States:
Denmark
His Excellency Ib Petersen

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Security Council

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